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Ebenezer Baptist Church

*Winning and building passionate,
 life-long followers of Jesus Christ*

Sunday, March 15th, 2020



“When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people . . . They had a few small fish as well; he gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them. The people ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left.”

(Mark 8:6–8)

10:30 a.m. Worship
 “Supersized Happy Meals”
 (Mark 6:30–44; 8:1–10)

CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

PASTORAL STAFF

Senior Pastor, Dr. John Oakes

Tel: 604-779-2356 (cell); Email: seniorpastor@rockofhelp.com
 (Pastor John is available for pastoral counselling and visitation by appointment.
 His weekly days off are Monday and Tuesday.)

Director of Music, Grant Gwynn

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BOARD OF DEACONS

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Bill Konnert; Sharon Tobert; Rajender Kumar; John Oakes,
 Rhea Ravanera; Loren Stark

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church
March 15th, 2020, 10:30 a.m.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #37: *All Creatures of our God and King*

Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Reading: Mark 8:1-13

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn #58: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Message: "Supersized Happy Meals" (Dr. John Oakes)

Response and Dismissal

Song(s) of Response

Announcements

Closing Hymn #16: *How Great Thou Art*

Benediction

***All are invited to join us for refreshments in the
narthex immediately after today's service.***

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Mayette Ativo-Bueno, National Missionary, Director of Bicol Center for Christian Leadership in the Philippines which seeks to serve and empower the body of Christ through theological and pastoral instruction in the classroom and by mobilizing workers for the harvest field, providing resources for pastors and churches and being a model of servant leadership among the many churches it serves. After a Category 4 typhoon hit the area, BCCL was able to extend a helping hand to local communities and to some staff and alumni. We pray for more believers to be spurred on toward cross-cultural missions, reaching Muslim neighbours in their cities and for BBCL's ongoing ministry to pastors and church leaders.

Tuesday

We lift up our neighbourhood and all who live and work in South Vancouver. We thank God for the opportunities we have to serve and to reach out to them and we ask God's help and guidance to do so.

Wednesday

We pray for Bill Konnert, our Moderator, Pastor John and all members of our Board of Elders. We ask God's protection, guidance, wisdom, and richest blessings on them, as they seek to help us all fulfil our mission of "winning and building passionate, life-long followers of Jesus Christ."

Thursday

On our BC Baptist Association (NAB) Prayer Calendar, we remember Executive Minister and Ebenezer member, Dr. Bob Krahn and the other members of the BCBA Executive Council. We ask for God's guidance and blessing for them, as they follow their calling to equip, encourage and provide counsel and support to member churches, as we reach out with the good news of the gospel.

Friday

We lift up all our staff. May they know the presence, enabling and direction of the Holy Spirit.

Saturday

We pray for our sick, shut-ins and bereaved, and for all who care for them. We especially remember members of the Ebenezer community who can no longer attend regularly for health reasons, including Elsie Baum, Waldemar Becker, Bev Bender, John & Frieda Hait, Lavina Hait, Ileen Konnert, Eugenie Krause, Irene Maas, Ann Ramsden, Doug & Diane Reichert, Daralee Richmond, Jose and Elena Ronsano, Rick Townsend, and Pearl Weiss. May they find healing and wholeness, comfort and peace, in Christ.

If you would like prayer for any person or reason, please contact the church office or Freda Ross (604-326-5123). We can pray for folks publicly during the Pastoral Prayer and/or list them in the Sunday bulletin, as well as through the Prayer Chain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Young Adults' Lunch

All **young adults** are **warmly invited to join Pastor John and Kirsten for lunch after church** in the parsonage on **Sunday, March 29**, beginning at **12:30 p.m.** Please save the date and let us know if you're coming.

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